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ENCLOSURE 1 TO TAB A TO APPENDIX 2 TO ANNEX E TO COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT
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Subj: GENERAL ORDER ON PERSONAL CONDUCT ASHORE AND STANDARDS FOR THE WEARING
OF UNIFORMS AND CIVILIAN CLOTHES FOR NAVAL PERSONNEL WITHIN THE U.S.
CENTRAL COMMAND AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY (U)

1. (U) Background. The degree to which the various countries in the USCENTCOM AOR strictly observe Islamic code differs from country to country. U.S. personnel must be aware of local sensitivities and cultural values in order to minimize the impact of U.S. military presence and reduce, to the maximum extent possible, any potential host-nation friction.

2. (U) Applicability

a. As the Naval Component Commander in the USCENTCOM AOR, COMUSNAVCENT exercises operational control over assigned U.S. Navy personnel. Unless otherwise directed in writing by higher authority, all U.S. Navy personnel attached to COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT units and family members must adhere to the requirements of this general order.

b. COMUSNAVCENT exercises force protection responsibilities over all non-component command military personnel, their family members and all civilians serving with, employed by, or accompanying U.S. Armed Forces in Bahrain. All non-component command military personnel, family members and all civilians serving with, employed by, or accompanying the U.S. Armed Forces in Bahrain must adhere to the requirements of this general order while in the USCENTCOM AOR.

c. Under the authority of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), Title 10, United States Code, Sections 801-940, and U.S. Navy Regulations, 1990, this order is punitive in nature. Violation of this general order by civilians may result in removal of command sponsorship and subsequent removal from the USCENTCOM AOR or other administrative action or, in certain situations, disciplinary action. Civilians serving with, employed by, or accompanying the U.S. Armed Forces may face criminal prosecution or adverse administrative action for violation of this general order.

3. (U) Policy on Conduct

a. Firearms. The purchase, possession, use or sale of privately owned firearms, ammunition and explosives, or the introduction of these items into the USCENTCOM AOR is prohibited.

b. Religious Sites. Entrance into mosques or other sites of Islamic religious significance by non-Moslems is prohibited unless otherwise directed by military authorities, required by military necessity, or as part of an official tour conducted with the approval of military authorities and the host nation. In Bahrain, only the Grand Mosque may be visited by non-Moslems, and only as part of an organized tour group.

c. Alcohol. The introduction, possession, use, sale, transfer, manufacture or consumption of any alcoholic beverage within the countries of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia is prohibited. In all other countries, U.S. military and civilian personnel will adhere to laws and customs of host nation.

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d. Controlled Substances and Drug Paraphernalia. Introduction, purchase, possession, use, sale, transfer or manufacture of any controlled substance or drug paraphernalia is prohibited. Prescription drugs must be accompanied by the original prescription label of the prescribed drug or medical authority.

e. Sexually-explicit material. The introduction, possession, transfer, sale, creation or display of any pornographic or sexually explicit photograph, videotape, movie, drawing, book, magazine or similar representation is prohibited. The prohibitions contained in this subparagraph shall not apply to AFN broadcasts and commercial books, magazines, and videotapes distributed and/or displayed through NEX, AAFES or MWR outlets located within the USCENCOM AOR. This prohibition does not apply within areas exclusively under the jurisdiction of the United States, such as on board United States government vessels and aircraft.

f. Gambling. Gambling of any kind, including sports pools, lotteries and raffles, is prohibited unless permitted by host-nation laws and service regulations.

g. Artifacts and National Treasures. Removing, possessing, selling, defacing or destroying archeological artifacts or national treasures is prohibited.

h. Currency. Selling, bartering or exchanging any currency other than at the host-nation exchange rate is prohibited.

i. Pets. Adopting as pets or mascots, caring for, or feeding any type of domestic or wild animal is prohibited. However, permanent-party (non-TAD) personnel whose living arrangements allow them to keep pets may transport household pets (e.g., dogs and cats) as part of household goods shipment, if otherwise so entitled. Such permanent-party personnel may also acquire household pets when in the USCENCOM AOR. All pets must meet the health standards and remain subject to the regulations of the country in which they are located.

j. Religion. Attempts to change or recruit any person's religion, faith or practice is prohibited.

k. Taking or retaining individual souvenirs or trophies. Taking of or retaining individual souvenirs or trophies is prohibited as discussed in the following subparagraphs.

(1) Private or public property may be seized during exercises or operations only on order of the Commander or Commanding Officer based on military necessity. Such property will be collected, processed, secured and stored for later return to the lawful owner. The wrongful taking of private property, even temporarily, is a violation of Article 121, Larceny or wrongful appropriation, of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

(2) Public property seized by U.S. Armed Forces is property of the United States. The wrongful retention of such property is a violation of Article 108, Military property of the United States, Wrongful sale, loss, damage, or destruction, of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

(3) No weapon, munitions, or military article of equipment obtained or acquired by any means other than official issue may be retained for personal use or shipped out of the USCENCOM AOR for personal retention or control.

(4) This prohibition does not preclude the lawful acquisition of souvenirs that can be legally imported into the United States.

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1. Photography. Personnel may not take photographs of military installations, ports, bridges, industrial facilities, mosques, religious activities, government buildings, flags of any Gulf Cooperation Council Nation, or examples of poverty. Photographs of people may be taken only with their prior consent.

m. Beaches. While on liberty, private beaches are off-limits unless personnel have specific authorization from the property owner or otherwise qualify for access. Public behavior and dress on all beaches shall be proper and in good taste, and shall respect the culture and sensitivities of others present.

n. Public Display of Affection. Public display of affection (such as holding hands, kissing, or close bodily contact) is prohibited.

o. Host Nation Laws and Customs. All persons, military and civilian, subject to this general order are charged with the duty to become familiar with and respect the laws, regulations, and customs of their host nation insofar as they do not interfere with the execution of their official duties.

p. Confiscation of Offending Articles. Items which are determined to violate this general order may be considered contraband and may be confiscated if found in the USCENTCOM AOR.

q. Unit Commander Responsibility. Commanders and civilian supervisors are charged with ensuring that all personnel are briefed on the prohibitions and requirements of this general order.

4. (U) Policy on Uniforms and Clothing

a. Military Uniforms

(1) General. Personnel shall not wear military uniforms on liberty when off a U.S. military compound. Military uniforms will not be worn in public or in the public areas of hotels or commercial establishments unless on official business or specifically authorized by COMUSNAVCENT.

b. Civilian Attire

(1) General. It is impossible to cover all combinations of attire. The goal is to blend with the local environment and not draw undue attention to yourself. Civilian attire will present a neat, conservative appearance. **Clothing will be loose fitting and concealing.** Neither males nor females shall wear shirts or blouses of sheer fabric that could be considered revealing. **Appropriate casual shorts are authorized as defined in this paragraph. LONG PANTS ARE REQUIRED BETWEEN SUNSET AND SUNRISE IN ALL HOTELS, RESTAURANTS (excluding fast food restaurants) AND CLUBS WITHOUT EXCEPTION.** Note: Capri and Cropped pants are considered long pants for women. Casual shorts will not be more than 2 inches above the knee for both male and female. Conservative slacks, denim pants (jeans), skirts, dresses, or shorts and collared shirts are generally acceptable for liberty; however personnel should be advised that some hotels and clubs expect patrons to dress more formally (e.g., coat and tie) and that hotel security personnel will not allow access to such clubs unless personnel are properly attired.

(2) Ramadan. During the celebration of Ramadan, the wearing of PT attire and casual shorts will be modified to require full leg coverage (i.e. sweat pants/jeans) when in transit, exercising, or while on liberty in public. Complete arm covering clothing is also highly recommended but not mandatory. Separate Ramadan guidance will be promulgated as required.

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(3) Traditional Host Nation Attire. Traditional host nation male attire (thobe and guttra) and host nation female attire (abaya) shall not be worn in public or social events (private or public) by U.S. military personnel without written permission of COMUSNAVCENT. In addition, no member of the Armed Forces may be required or encouraged to wear the abaya or any part of the abaya garment anywhere in the COMUSNAVCENT area of responsibility.

(4) Public Areas. Public areas are defined as any areas except the following:

(a) Private housing and U.S. contract berthing compound areas.

(b) Naval Support Activity (NSA), including COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT compounds or any other areas in which military uniforms are routinely worn for duty purposes;

(c) A closed, private motor vehicle such as a car, van, truck, or jeep with its doors and window panels in place in transit between the aforementioned non-public areas.

(5) Additional Standards of Dress for All Personnel. The following clothing is prohibited attire in public areas for all personnel, except as specifically authorized elsewhere in this order:

(a) Shirts or blouses of sheer fabric that could be considered revealing; extremely loose, baggy, oversized clothing or form fitting attire;

(b) Shirts, jackets, pants, ball caps, headgear, or other outerwear with military, political, religious, heavy metal/rap/hip hop music, gang graphics, and or illegal drug themes or logos. This includes both command T-shirts and command golf/polo shirts. Only one ball cap shall be worn at a time.

(c) Shorts that measure higher than 2 inches above the knee, cutoffs of any length, and tank tops of any kind.

(d) T-shirts which comply with the restrictions mentioned in paragraph 5(b) above may be worn off base (keep in mind military logos are only allowed on base) as long as they are in good taste and not offensive. Undershirts (plain white, brown or green), T-shirts normally worn as a uniform item and tank tops may only be worn while engaged in physical training/fitness on base.

(e) Headphones are not allowed while in uniform. While transiting in civilian attire or while jogging/running, one ear piece must be removed for safety purposes.

(f) All clothing shall be in good repair. It will not be frayed or have any holes, rips or tears, either manufactured or as a result of wear.

(g) All rubber or plastic type footwear (i.e. shower shoes, pool shoes, etc.) are not authorized foot attire on or off the base unless transiting to or while at the pool, beach or shower area.

(h) Sandals with a single toe divider and an open back that have a leather/cloth or leather/cloth like top, or a wooden sole, or have a rear strap, are authorized.

(6) Standards of Dress for Male Personnel. The following restrictions apply to all male personnel (13 years of age and above) in public:

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(a) Sleeveless shirts and tank tops are prohibited. Undershirts (plain white, brown, or green) normally worn as undergarments are not to be worn as an outer garment on liberty. Undershirts may be worn while engaged in physical activity/training on base.

(b) Shirts with crew neck collars (not T-shirts) that are a casual or dress type shirt may be worn on liberty. Collared shirts are highly recommended and should be buttoned below the second button unless a T-shirt or a sweater of good taste is being worn under the shirt.

(c) No articles shall be attached to or through the ear, nose or any other body part. The wearing of flashy or excessive jewelry is highly discouraged. Jewelry will be kept within the bounds of good taste. Religious medallions and pendants are authorized per service regulations but will be worn out of sight at all times.

(d) Bandannas, handkerchiefs, du-rags, or other type of cloth head coverings are prohibited. A plain sweatband may be worn on base when actively engaged in physical exercise/ training.

(7) Standards of Dress for Female Personnel (13 years of age and above). Due to local cultural sensitivities, female personnel shall be especially sensitive to the need to dress in a conservative manner. Brightly colored or flashy clothing may draw unwanted attention and should be avoided. Slacks, Capri pants (below the knee) and denim pants (jeans) must be loose fitting and concealing. The following restrictions apply to all female personnel in public areas:

(a) Upper arms and shoulders will be covered at all times.

(b) Dresses and skirts are allowed but must be loose fitting and fall to the knees or below.

(c) Shirts must be long enough to cover the mid section at all times.

(d) **Shorts higher than 2 inches above the knee, cutoffs of any length, and tank tops of any kind are not authorized.**

(e) Modern formal/cocktail dresses (i.e., backless/strapless/sleeveless, etc.) may be worn only at officially sponsored events (Navy Ball, CPO Ball, Christmas Ball, etc.)

(f) Bandannas and du-rags will not be worn. A scarf tied under the chin may be worn to protect against UV light while transiting outside. All other type of cloth head coverings are prohibited in public areas and aboard military installations in the AOR. Women that are authorized to wear Muslim attire may wear the appropriate head covering.

(8) Physical Training (PT) and Recreational PT Attire. The following rules apply to males and females concerning attire to be worn while engaged in physical training or recreational activities:

(a) **When in PT attire, personnel are not allowed stops in any public areas for shopping, including cold stores and fruit stands.**

(b) Permissible male / female PT attire off base includes loose shorts or pants and T-shirts (not undershirts) following theme restrictions. Military and command logos are authorized on base and inside the confines of

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(c) When bicycling a helmet must be worn both on and off base. PT attire is always acceptable but not mandatory when riding a bicycle.

(d) During Ramadan, PT attire will be modified to require full leg coverage (i.e. sweat pants) when exercising in public areas. At no time is it authorized to conduct PT without a shirt or top covering the upper torso. In addition, it is not authorized to walk to/from the NSA compound and any public area in PT clothing.

(e) Some recreational activities require deviation from the normal standards of dress. For example, while at the beach, shorts and swimsuits may be worn. However, when in such circumstances personnel will ensure that their attire is not excessively revealing.

(9) Transit Attire. Personnel are permitted to wear PT attire to and from work if transiting in a closed private motor vehicle from their place of residence and parking inside the fence line of NSA Bahrain. Parking outside the fence line and then transiting to the gate in PT attire is not authorized. When in transit to or from a social or recreational activity, including the beach or private home, individuals may wear attire appropriate to the activity in which they intend to engage or have engaged as long as it is within a closed vehicle, and follows previously stated guidelines. Stops at commercial establishments, (e.g. fast food, convenient stores, etc.) are authorized only if wearing shorts as described in paragraph 4b(1) above.

(10) Military Uniforms in Transit. Wearing a military uniform in transit from a private residence or hotel off base to the base or military installation is not authorized. Also, while in transit off base uniforms will be kept covered in an opaque bag or garment bag. The following are exceptions to wearing uniforms in transit:

(a) Military DCU uniforms may be worn in a "Dressed Down" condition during transits between places of duty, such as NAVSUPACT Bahrain, The Aviation Unit, and Mina Sulman pier. The one exception to this is personnel traveling in Executive Protection vehicles with darkened windows, but these personnel will still need to be uncovered.

(b) DCU's in "dress down" condition requires the blouse and cover, or headgear to be removed between the military facilities. Personnel in uniform transiting to/from the Aviation Unit, Mina Sulman pier, or NSA Bahrain facilities shall at no time leave the vehicle unless physically within the facility compound. Brown T-shirts will not be worn as an outer garment when in civilian clothes.

(11) ID Cards. All personnel in civilian clothes will have their DOD Armed Forces Identification card on their possession but not required to be openly displayed.

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